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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A flashing for use in a portal installation in an opening defined by a sill and jambs extending therefrom, the flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second portions, the second portion being disposed at an angle relative to the first portion such that an outer surface of the first portion is configured to be disposed against the sill of the opening and an outer surface of the second portion is configured to be disposed against one of the jambs of the opening;

a front face plate extending from each of the first and second portions of the base member in a plane generally perpendicular to the first and second portions; and

a plurality of channels disposed in each of the first and second portions ~~at least the first portion~~ of the base member to direct water toward and through the front face plate.

2. (currently amended) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each of the first and second portions of the base member defines opposite inner and outer surfaces, the outer surface being structured to be disposed against a respective one of the sill and jamb and the inner surface ~~of at least the first portion~~ defining the channels and ridges between the channels, the ridges defining a surface substantially parallel to the outer surface and structured to support the portal.

3. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the first and second portions of the base member are substantially perpendicular.

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4. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the outer surfaces of the first and second portions of the base member are substantially planar.

5. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein each channel is tapered to define an increased depth at the front face plate.

6. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the flashing is formed of a unitary molded plastic member.

7. (cancelled)

8. (currently amended) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the first and second portions of the base member include opposite end edges which are parallel to each other, wherein the front face plate extends from one of the end edges of each of the first and second portions, and 7 wherein the channels do not extend through the end edges ~~edge~~ of the first and second portions ~~members~~ opposite the front face plate.

9. (original) A flashing according to Claim 1 wherein the flashing is structured to be configured with the outer surface of the first portion of the base member disposed toward one of the jambs of the opening and the outer surface of the second portion disposed toward the sill of the opening such that the flashing can be selectively installed in either of two corners of the opening.

10.-20. (cancelled)

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21. (new) A flashing for use in a portal installation in an opening defined by a sill and jambs extending therefrom, the flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second portions, the second portion being disposed at an angle relative to the first portion such that an outer surface of the first portion is configured to be disposed against the sill of the opening and an outer surface of the second portion is configured to be disposed against one of the jambs of the opening;

a front face plate extending from each of the first and second portions of the base member in a plane generally perpendicular to the first and second portions; and

a plurality of channels disposed in at least the first portion of the base member to direct water toward and through the front face plate, and wherein each channel is tapered to define an increased depth at the front face plate.

22. (new) A flashing for use in a portal installation in an opening defined by a sill and jambs extending therefrom, the flashing comprising:

a base member having first and second generally flat portions which are joined to each other to define a right angle corner therebetween, said first and second portions defining respective inner surfaces which are disposed on the inside of the right angled corner and outer surfaces which are disposed on the outside of the right angled corner and so that the outer surfaces are parallel to and face oppositely from respective ones of the inner surfaces, with the first and second portions each having parallel opposite end edges, and with the end edges of the first portion lying in respective common planes with the end edges of the second portion,

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a front face plate extending from end edges of the first and second portions which lie in a common plane, with the front face plate lying in said common plane, and

a plurality of channels disposed in the inner surface of at least one of the first and second portions for directing water toward and through the front face plate, with the outer surfaces of the first and second portions each being substantially planar and free of said channels.

23. (new) The flashing according to Claim 22 wherein said channels are disposed in the inner surface of each of the first and second portions of the base member.

24. (new) The flashing according to Claim 23 wherein ridges are defined between the adjacent channels, with the ridges defining a support surface which lies in a plane which is parallel to the plane of the associated outer surface.

25. (new) The flashing according to Claim 24 wherein the channels do not extend through the end edges of the first and second portions which are opposite the end edges from which the front face plate extends.

26. (new) The flashing according to Claim 25 wherein the channels are tapered so as to define an increased depth at the front face plate.